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1936 GREEN & WHITE

This past week has been teeming with activity. Ever since the "Green and White" board distributed the yearbooks, practically all the vocabulary needed around here has been "Will you please sign my yearbook?"

It seems that each year the issuance of the "Green and White" is the crowning event of a student's school year. It is as an old friend coming to us from the past, bringing back old memories.

The book this year is dedicated to the town of Gorham in honor of its Bi-Centennial. In keeping with the dedication, the theme chosen was "Gorham Through the Years." This theme has been developed in various sections of the book, including outstanding historical pictures.

As in the past, one of the main features is the calendar. It has been carefully developed through each day of the year, recording important events and some more or less humorous ones.

The student photography in this year's "Green and White" was done by the Albert Studio in Portland. Much credit is to be given to Mr. Hayden L. V. Anderson for some historical pictures.

As in previous years, the printing of the book was done by the Printwell Company of Portland. Mr. Dooley, of this company, is a firm friend of Gorham Normal School and of the "Green and White," and it has been due to his efforts that the book has developed as it has in the past twenty-five years.

We all congratulate the co-editors, the Misses Ruth Hanscom of Lebanon, Maine, and Eunice Kelley of Bedford, Massachusetts, for their splendid cooperation and great efforts for the publishing of this book.

The Junior Class deeply appreciates the work of Miss Lewis as faculty adviser in the literary department, and of Miss Wihry in the art department, and of Mr. Weiden, in the business section.

Other representatives of the Junior Class who worked on the staff are:

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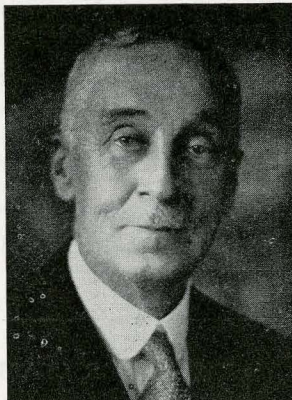
FRATERNITIES HOLD ANNUAL OUTTINGS

Better be careful who you slap on the back around the campus! Last Saturday, June 6, the men of the Alpha Lambda Beta and Lambda Pi Sigma Fraternities took their various girl friends (?) on their annual fraternity outings at Long Pond. The Lambda Pi's went to the Proctor Camps, while the Alpha Lambda's went to the Chute Homestead.

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DR. PAYSON SMITH WILL BE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DR. RUSSELL'S MESSAGE



The graduates of this year are faced with a more cheering prospect than faced several recent classes. These recent classes were graduated with little prospect that all the members could secure teaching positions the following September. The gloomiest prospect faced the Class of 1932. Of this class only 60% of the members were teaching the next September. Each succeeding year a larger per cent has been employed. Of the members of the Class of 1935 over 80% are teaching this year.

Many of the members of the Class of 1936 already are assured of teaching positions for next year and a spirit of hopefulness is justified on the part of the other prospective graduates. This improved prospect is due to fewer graduates this year and to a three-year preparation on the part of all.

In spite of this high probability of employment it is still incumbent on the individual graduate to strive to secure a position to which the individual is best adapted. This course is indicated as desirable not alone for the sake of the teacher's personal success but even more for the welfare of the children for whom the school exists.

These favorable prospects for employment place the members of the Class of 1936 under increased obligations to make good that they may leave in the communities in which they teach a legacy of good will for the benefit of a larger class which will follow them next year.

May I commend to the members of the Class of 1936 the following sentiment expressed by Mr. Justice Holmes: "See as far as you may, hammer out as compact and solid a piece of work as you can, try to make it first rate, and then leave it unadvertised."

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Packard! A son, Albert Everett, was born to them on Thursday, June 4th.

DR. AND MRS. RUSSELL TO RECEIVE GRADUATES AND GUESTS.

We are very proud to have as our Commencement speaker this year, Dr. Payson Smith. For nine years he was Commissioner of Education in Maine, for nineteen years Commissioner of Education in Massachusetts, and now he divides his time between the Harvard University School of Education and the American Council of Education.

Dr. Smith will address the members of the graduating class and their guests Monday forenoon on the subject, "Some Victory for Humanity." Musical selections will be presented by the double mixed quartette and by the orchestra.

The three-day Commencement exercises will be opened by the annual Alumni meeting in the forenoon, followed by a dinner for the graduates and special guests. The guests include Rev. Harrison W. Dubbs, Rev. William H. Stewart, Mr. Edward E. Roderick, Deputy Commissioner of Education in Maine; Mr. Guy V. Sinclair, Superintendent of the Gorham and Westbrook Schools; members of the trustees of Gorham Normal School, and the faculties of the Training School and the Normal School. The classes holding special reunions this year are those of 1886, 1901, 1911, 1926, and 1929. Dr. Russell will give the toast to the Seniors. Miss Eleanor Parker of the Senior Class will respond.

On Saturday afternoon, Dr. and Mrs. Walter E. Russell will be at home to the Seniors and their guests at 4.00 P. M. At this reception Miss Madeline Doten is to be the head usher, and Miss Faith Graves, door attendant. The committees in charge of the music, flowers, and refreshments are headed by Miss Andrews, Miss Wihry, and Miss Littlefield, respectively.

On Saturday evening the Seniors will present a play, "Ingomar, The Barbarian." Reports are that this production will be one of the finest ever presented here. The orchestra will play between acts.

At the baccalaureate service Sunday afternoon, Rev. Wm. H. Stewart from the Methodist Church of Gorham, will address the Seniors and their friends. His subject will be, "Add This Also." Musical selections will be presented by the male quartette.

INTER-FRATERNITY OUTING

On Saturday, May 23, an inter-fraternity outing was held at Bonny Eagle Pond, Buxton. About twenty-five members were represented from both "Frats." Softball was the favorite sport of the afternoon, Mr. Brown and Mr. Cilley, the faculty advisers, taking a very active part in the game. Mr. Brown did great work as a "southpaw" pitcher, plenty of control and many fast-breaking hooks; yet Mr. Cilley, with his eyes closed,

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"AND GLADLY TEACH"

The avenue that has led our seniors from secondary schools to Gorham Normal School has branched to formulate the highway of a realization aspired to three years ago. The required subjects have been pursued and accredited as prescribed by the State Board of Education. The girls and boys stand before us, members of a great profession. They are teachers, entering an educational society different from that into which their forbears stepped; modern methods and equipment, and environmental changes are indicative of the same. But the graduates are prepared and qualified with a fine academic and professional course, and with the best, spiritually, that is in them.

So much has been written to help and encourage them, to point out that it is not all in vain, this struggle to be a great teacher in the modern elementary school, or in the one-room rural school. Not the least among the literary attempts is Professor Bliss Perry's autobiography, "And Gladly Teach." We recall the delightful simplicity with which class room experiences and anecdotes are retold, but more than this we were impressed with the intensity of his belief and satisfaction in having the opportunity to be a part of the institution that seeks to love, to lead, to help young lives mold into calibre that materializes in beautiful service to themselves and to their country.

They must have a thirst for knowledge that is akin to their search for truth. "Do you know," asks Emerson, "the secret of a true scholar? In every man there is something wherein I may learn of him; and in

that I am his pupil." This coincides with the suggestion to be aware of the progress of the literary and economic world, and the pathos of conditions that they as teachers will remedy. It was the living fire of achievement that comes from living thus, that led Professor Perry to write his memoirs, in order that others might see as he had seen: not only the possibilities of the brilliant child, but the beauty of the dull child; not always the boy or girl of today but the nurse, the mother, the doctor, and the lawyer of tomorrow.

The graduates are on our commencement stage. Their purpose is strong, their faith is pure, and their spirit is willing. We, who are remaining, send them off with all good wishes for success. May each of them find his place in the school where he will truly lead, "and gladly teach."

TO THE SENIOR CLASS

When you carry off your portion
Of the knowledge, strength and skill
That the years have handed out
To all of us on Normal Hill,
Do not forget you take yourselves
And next year we'll miss you still.

Miss you still, though emerald leaves
Have withered into golden brown
And fallen, with the feathered snow,
All over Gorham town,
Do not forget we'll miss you still
When the snowflakes tumble down.

Oh, we can't say more than this—
That the years have been too brief,
And knowing you has been such fun.
O, Time, you stealthy thief!
Take not our memories with you,
Leave us this desire chief!

And you—a year or two ahead
Of us who watch you go—
Will you remember us as those
You helped, not long ago?
Remember us as all good wishes
Tied to your diploma's bow!

You're going out to test your courage
And the armor you have won,
And if wishing well means something,
You'll find places in the sun;
For we at Normal love you,
Love you second best to none.

Anne Richardson.

LIBRARY NOTES

Since Miss Eames has come to Gorham Normal School we have had many new features added to our library. Recently, Miss Eames, with the help of the shop boys, obtained a newspaper rack. This has proved most convenient and adds much to the neatness of the library.

Throughout the year we have had many fine and original displays. One of the more recent displays was prepared by Miss Flint's class of Freshman girls. The display consisted of dolls, dressed to

represent the various nations of the world. The idea was clever and very well carried out.

Another display which attracted a great deal of attention was exhibited by Miss Trask's seventh grade. It consisted of booklets on Gorham which were chosen from Miss Trask's class to be exhibited at the Bi-Centennial celebration of Gorham. These booklets are unique in form and contain some very interesting material. Take a minute to look them over.

Our store of new books is gradually increasing. The most recent additions to our rental collection are as follows: "House in Paris" by Elizabeth Bowen; "Faster, Faster" by E. M. Delafield; "Father Struck It Rich" by Evalyn Walsh McLean; and "The Exile" by Pearl Buck.

SAID ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do.
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true.
Rid your mind of selfish motives,
Let your thoughts be clean and high.
You can make a little Eden
Of the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the world were happy?
Then remember day by day
Just to scatter seeds of kindness
As you pass along the way,
For the pleasures of the many
May be oftentimes traced to one,
As the hand that plants the acorn
Shelters armies from the sun.

THE ROAD TO FAME

He long to find the road to fame;
But not a highway bore that name.
He thought to glory there must be
A level path that he should see;
But every road to which he came
Possessed a terrifying name.
He never thought that fame might lurk
Along the dreary path called "Work."
He never thought to go and see
What marked the road called "Industry."
Because it seemed so rough and high,
He passed the road to "Service" by.
Yet had he taken either way
He might have come to fame some day.
George W. Mee.

MAGICAL AND PRACTICAL

Who hath a book
Has friends at hand,
And gold and gear
At his command.

And rich estates,
If he but look,
Are held by him
Who hath a book.

Who hath a book
Has but to read
And he may be
A king, indeed,

His kingdom is
His inglenook—
All this is his
Who hath a book.

--Unknown.

FACULTY FACTS

Have any of you noticed the delicious odors from freshly baked cakes and cookies about the school this year? Did your curiosity lead you to investigate and to discover their source to be the Home Economics room on the third floor, Corthell Hall? There you found the star cook of the faculty, Miss Evelyn Littlefield, instructing the young women of the school in the fine arts of cooking.

Her duties extend into the training school where she teaches Home Economics. She also teaches grammar to the men and women of the Normal School.

Miss Littlefield was born in Newport, Maine, where she was graduated from the Newport High School. She tells us she has always been interested in cooking and sewing. What a joy she must have been to her mother!!

After graduation from high school she attended Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. There she majored in Home Economics. While in college, she was active in athletics, particularly basketball and tennis. She was captain of the basketball team, on which she was the star forward. She is also a member of the Gamma Omega Fraternity.

Miss Littlefield came to Gorham in September of the year she was graduated from college, 1930. Besides her teaching here, she is very active in extra-curricula activities. Miss Andrews tells us Miss Littlefield is an excellent business woman. This has been capably proven in her splendid aid in the financial affairs of various musical productions. She has done much in the stocking of the costume room, having had charge of the costuming of many entertainments.

Apparently her interest in athletics has not waned, as she still is an enthusiastic basketball fan. Besides bridge, a most popular hobby in this school, her pet hobbies are tennis and golf.

IDEAL SCENES OF CHILD LIFE CONSTRUCTED AND DISPLAYED

On May 22, the members of the Kindergarten Theory Department displayed a worth while project in the form of a special exhibition which portrayed scenes relative to the life of children. These representations illustrated the ideals that promoters of education and recreation of children set forth. They expressed safety, amusements, sanitation, play, health, and social adaptations.

The originality and cleverness of the students who designed their respective units was apparent in the minute details that each revealed. Miss Harris, instructor of this department, organized this demonstration so that every girl had her unit on individual tables with a place card indicating the owner. The scenes from the life of a child that were selected are listed below with the names of the students responsible for the excellent results.

Circus	Phyllis Lancaster
Camp Scene	Frances Merrill
Beach	Helen Knight
Hospital Scene	Lucia Guptill
Park Scene	Olive Draper
Kindergarten Room	Eleanor Buck
Going to Church	Dorothy Lindenberg
Children's Library	Barbara Gammons
May Pole Dance	Ruth Orberton
Garden Party	Marion Schuman
	Eleanor Sherburne

THE SHOP

The industrial arts men of the Senior Class spend the majority of their time in printing. Their work here saves the Normal School several hundreds of dollars each year in the printing of stationery, advertising matter, handbooks, the catalogue of information and other miscellaneous material. The young men also print this paper which is published five times a year. The shop is well equipped in having two presses, a large paper cutter, stone, proof press, and a wide variety of type and characters. When the students complete the course they are eligible to take over a print shop for their own interest and profit or teach the course. During the year, trips are taken to local newspaper plants to watch the trade on a large scale. The engraving bureau where cuts are made to print pictures is also seen.

Aside from this is sheet metal, wrought iron, architectural drawing and practice teaching.

Sheet metal gives practice in making scoops, measures, pails and soldering for water-tight joints. It is mostly for the practical side of the course that it is offered. This course is carried on in the brick forge shop between the Academy Hall and East Hall.

Wrought iron work, which is also done in this building, is a trade which has been carried down through many years. Such articles as tables, kitchen seats, floor lamps and wall brackets are made, all of which show graceful lines and excellent workmanship.

The architectural drawing occupies one-half year which allows the men only time to draw one house. All types of houses are used, each of which has three floor plans, an electrical plan, and two or more elevations or outside views. The houses are named and made to suit the architects, who prove to have good taste in the modern home conveniences and appearances.

The industrial arts Seniors practice teaching on an average of twenty-four weeks. The time varies with the number of men in the class. The courses taught are mechanical drawing and manual training in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The men go to the Frederick Robie School in Windham to teach part of this time.

Much credit is to be given to Mr. Brown, Mr. Cilley, and Mr. Packard for their never-tiring efforts to keep up to the minute in ideas and to help the students in every way. Is it any wonder that Gorham Normal School has 80% of its graduates finding jobs their first year out?

BABIES FOR SALE

What? Yes!!!! Pink and white babies in white dainty dresses and blue flannel jackets were offered to the public for ten cents each. Place?—Kindergarten Room, Corthell Hall. Why?—To help finance the purchase of some needed equipment in the kindergarten of the training school. Result? Favorable . . . Excellent returns. Everyone happy and proud to display their attractive dolls . . . Congratulations . . . to Miss Harris and her band of sewing experts, the members of the Kindergarten-Primary Department of the Normal School.

HEARD DURING THE WINTER

C. Peters: "Hammy, have you ever been tobogganing?"

A. Hamblen: "No, the farthest I've been one way is Windham, the other way, Buxton."

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Mr. Sloat (in English, seeing something under the seat that looked like shavings): "What's that under your seat, Mr. Doyle?"

E. Doyle: "Gerber's feet!"

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Radio's Short Wave Station "Gossip" presents the Interwoven Pair—J. Ham—E. Kelly.

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P. Lord: "Dot, please get me the check book out of the safe. You are younger than I am."

Dot: "I should hope so."

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Miss Flint (to Peters who is teaching a class in Health Ed.): "Do you mind if I interrupt?"

C. Peters: "Yes!"

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On the Y. W. C. A. picnic Miss Wood was much concerned to find she had not received a doughnut in her lunch. Evidently this fact disturbed her greatly as she was heard to remark later: "And I love Bob's - - - doughnuts."

Mrs. Gross (not hearing the word "doughnuts") asked: "Did you say you love Bob? I hadn't heard about it."

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P. Gerber (to taxi driver): "I say, driver, have you any more room in that Noah's Ark?"

Taxi Driver: "Need just one more monkey. Hop in, sir!"

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As usual a "good time was had by all." And, oh, what sunburns!! Thus the warning. Everyone went in swimming and participated in boating. Of course the men and women could play tennis, too.

Besides that, there was an excellent opportunity for dancing in the recreation halls.

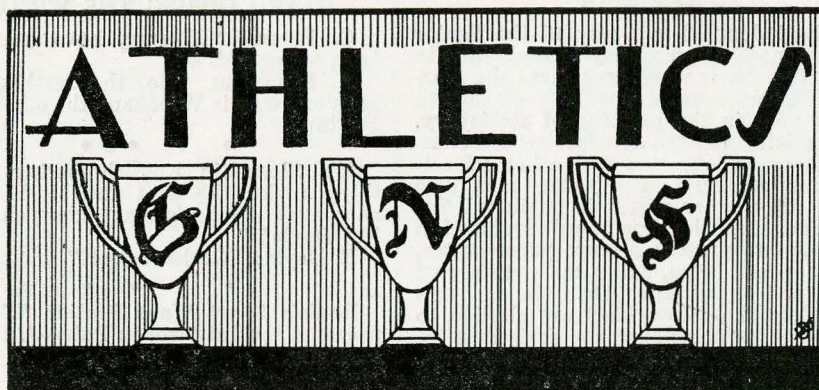
And what eats! The girls helped the boys prepare noon lunches. In the evening, banquets were held in the two dining rooms. At the Alpha Lambda Beta banquet, the guests of honor were Miss Esther Wood, Miss Phyllis Lord, and Mr. and Mrs. George Brown. The honor guests at the Lambda Pi Sigma banquet were Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Cilley.

The curtain fell on another "frat" outing. Now we have next year's to look forward to.

At a recent chapel program, the names of the new officers of the Civic Committee were announced. They are: President, Linward Card, Portland; Vice President, Katharine Joyce, Portland; Secretary-Treasurer, Marion Allen, North Berwick. Mr. Card came to us this year and has proven himself to be a worthy member of the school.

Miss Joyce, a Junior, is an active member of "The Oracle." She is also active in sports and other activities.

Miss Allen, also a Junior, has been especially active in the music department, having taken part in the recent operetta.



WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

The honors in girls' baseball have gone to the Junior Class as they have won both inter-class games. (Looks as if the class of '37 might get the cup for athletics again this year!).

In archery Evelyn Lord is setting new high scores. She has smashed all previous G. N. S. records and now for lack of anything else to do she is outdoing her own scores. Her highest at present is 263. Think you can beat it? Well, there'll be plenty of chance to try next fall.

Tennis, too, is coming in for a good share of interest. The courts are full, day after day, and two tournaments are in progress. Although, as we go to press, the Beginners' tournament has not yet reached the semi-finals stage, the advanced championship rests between Mary Shepard and Marion Allen.

The athletic awards of the last two quarters have been presented as follows: Volley ball letters—N. Cunningham, E. Murray, V. Knowles, M. Johnson, E. Martin, M. Lovejoy, E. Dolloff, E. Chapman, D. Reardon, B. Gammons, E. Lidback, S. Thing, M. Shepard, B. Nutt, E. Burns. Basketball letters—E. Thomas, A. Spink, H. Scott, M. Johnson, M. Harvey, A. Gardner, T. Daucette, E. Dolloff, J. Pyska. Pin for total of 300 points—Ethel Chapman and Elinor Dolloff.

The year couldn't properly be brought to an end without choosing new officers for the W. A. A. These have been elected as follows: President, Mary Shepard; Vice President, Helen Scott; Secretary, Agnes Spink. We congratulate you and wish you a fine year of athletics in 1936-37.

MEN'S ATHLETICS

BASEBALL

Gorham 9 Fryeburg 2

It seems that records are falling this year in athletics. First it was Gorham's first defeat of Keene, next Fryeburg Academy beaten twice in baseball, a thing that hasn't happened in years. Behind effective support, "Cal" Austin pitched another brilliant game. Co-Captains "Ducky" Willis and "Go" Bachelder, with their stick work, aided greatly our boys' cause.

Gorham 1 Kents Hill 9

In our exhibition game with Kents Hill during the Bi-Centennial, the Normal boys didn't fare so well. Austin pitched good ball, but a few errors led to the team's downfall. But all in all it was a

good game.

The curtain has rung down on another baseball season of the school year. Another group of Seniors are departing: Willis, catcher; Bachelder, first base; Ham, third base; and Rand, centerfield; these men will be hard to replace, but Coach Wieden is being optimistic, and after the success enjoyed this year, has said, "we'll wait and see." Regulars left for next year's nucleus are Higgins, Doyle, Gerber, Austin, and Felker.

TENNIS

Intramural tennis is under way again. Each class is represented by a major and minor doubles team, and major and minor singles teams. From scores that have poured in to date, it looks at last as though the Juniors are going to win their first inter-class activity. Seniors are coming in second very closely and might defeat the underclassmen; but this is very doubtful.

ALUMNI NOTES

The strains of Lohengrin will once again snip the career of a budding teacher when Ruth Mills, '35, walks up the aisle on June 22 to say "I do" to Frederick Gaudet of Rumford. The ceremony will take place in St. Anthansius Church.

Of course we're always glad when Ella Johnson comes to call, but one does get a little skeptical and wonders if school friends are the only ones she likes to see.

Alyce Tuck, '35, was a guest of the Y. W. C. A. on their annual retreat to Ocean Park.

Monroe Bean, '35, has recently accepted a teaching position at the Opportunity Farm outside of Gray. Up to that time he had been employed by the International Paper Company at Livermore.

Another familiar face was seen around Gorham when Hazel (Gilpatrick) Libby, '34, was seen dodging in and out rooms in the dorm.

The May Ball, our major attraction of the year, certainly lived up to its reputation when it brought back such distinguished personages as Patricia Elwell, '34, Doris Marr McSorley, '33, Louis Jensen, '34, Carroll Ronco, '35, Andrew McSorley, '33, and Monroe Bean, '35.

Barbara Wakefield, '34, has been teaching in Eliot, Maine, this spring session.

Avis Hinds, '35, has been back recently to visit her former haunts. She has been doing substitute work in the Rumford school system.

EXCHANGES

We have noticed that the "Keene Kronicle" have announced a commendable Commencement Week Program.

Sunday, June 7—Baccalaureate.

Tuesday, June 9—Pageant on campus.

Wednesday, June 10—Annual Rose Night on campus. Faculty Reception.

Thursday, June 11—Last Chapel, Class Day and Class-Get-Together.

Friday, June 12—Commencement Ball.

Saturday, June 13—Commencement.

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The F. S. N. S. donates a song for practice teachers.

To Training

(To the tune of "Goody, Goody!")

You'll sit up late writing lesson plans all night; goody, goody.

On the playground you'll learn how to stop a fight; goody, goody.

You'll have to wear your suits.

You'll have to shine your boots.

And when you see your pupils, you'll find that they are brutes.

You'll have to rush to get your meals at noon; goody, goody.

And at night-time you won't get out very soon.

We're glad you've got to do it.

You probably won't live thru' it.

Goody, goody, for us.

Goody, goody, for them.

We're glad you've got to train, you rascal, you.

GRADUATION

They say that every graduation night An old man comes to see those graduating.

And so I lit a candle, bright,
To guide his footsteps to those waiting;
And there outside the window glass
I sat and watched to see him pass.

The candle shone so clear and red
I thought the man would surely see
The outline of my peeping head
And turn to smile—or frown—at me;
But soon the door had opened wide
And the man was seated warm inside.

But when the graduate came in
And found the old man sitting there,
He opened the door with firm-set chin,
Turned him out, he knew not where.
But when I saw the old man's eyes, I
learned

'Twas Old Man Wisdom the youth had
spurned.

Beatrice Doughty.

EDITOR'S NOTE

In this last issue of "The Oracle." I wish to thank everyone for his cooperation during this year. Especially do I want to thank Mr Packard and the members of his printing class.

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managed to pole out a long three-bagger.

Other sports included swimming and fishing. Probably participation was greatest in the feast around the fire, in which "hot-dogs" and tonic were enjoyed by all.